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BOAT FIRE AT BULLFROG MARINA TEMPORARILY CLOSES FUEL DOCK

BULLFROG, UT Glen Canyon National Recreation Area dispatch received a 911 call at 9:21 AM Saturday morning, July 26th, reporting a vessel fire at the Bullfrog Marina fuel dock. The arrival of National Park Service (NPS) firefighters minutes later found a large privately owned houseboat engulfed in flames. The fire consumed the entire houseboat, a large section of the fuel dock and one gas pump. After battling the fire for over 30 minutes the flames were extinguished by NPS fire boat and engine crew and the Ticaboo and Offshore Marina fire departments. No injuries were reported.

The fire appears to have originated in the houseboat engine when the vessel was started after fueling. It then spread to the entire boat, burning the boat to the water line. As the boat broke loose from the fuel dock, the NPS fire boat pushed the hull to the shore before it had the opportunity to sink.

The Bullfrog Marina fuel dock will remain temporarily closed. Boaters may visit the Halls Crossing Marina fuel dock, across the bay from Bullfrog, for fueling facilities on the lake. Fuel is also available at the land-based gas station at Bullfrog Marina.

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